(ख) वर्ष 1989-90 के बजट प्रस्ताव में, जो कल-पुर्जे कम्प्यूटर उपान्त उपस्करों तथा कम्प्यूटर प्रणाली के विनिर्माण के प्रयोग में लाए जाते हैं, उन पर लगने वाले सीमा-शुल्क में 10 प्रतिशत तक वृद्धि की गई है । सीमा-शुल्क में की गई इस वृद्धि से, विनिर्मित प्रणाली की लागत पर सीमान्त प्रभाव पड़ेगा । किन्तु, इस शुल्क में मामूली वृद्धि से देश में वैयक्तिक कम्प्यूटर प्रणालियों की मांग पर प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा ।

(ग) सरकार कुछ उपायों के जरिए वैयक्तिक कम्प्यूटर की कीमतों को कम करने की योजना बना रही है जैसे कि वैयक्तिक कम्प्यूटर की विशिष्टयों का मानकीकरण, संघटक पुर्जों, उप प्रणालियों तथा उपान्त उपस्करों विशेषकर चिपों, फ्लॉपी प्रणोदों तथा कैथोड किरण ट्यूब (सी आर टी) मॉनीटरों का मानकीकरण और मानक संघटक पुर्जों तथा उप प्रणालियों की थोक में खरीद ।

Maximum age limit of recruitment in service for women

702. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the maximum age for recruitment for women especially the widows in Government service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to the existing orders, the upper age limit for appointment to Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts under the Central Government has been relaxed upto 35 years of age (upto 40 years for members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) in respect of widows, divorced women and women judicially separated from their husbands, who have not remarried. In the National Perspective Plan for Women (1988—2000 A.D.), there is a recommendation to the effect that in the organised sector the maximum age of entry of women in employment should be increased to 35 years.

Meeting of the wagon building units

703. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether is a fact that Planning Commission had convened a meeting of the wagon building units recently; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what has been the outcome of the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission had convened a meeting with the major wagon manufacturing units on 10th April, 1989. The meeting was family for exchange of ideas in the context of the likely requirements of wagons during the Eighth Plan, both in terms of quantities and technological upgradation. The industry generally expresed its readiness to meet the requirements and also to undertake upgradation of facilities to achieve technological upgradation.

Ban on smoking at public places

704. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a demand for banning smoking at public places in the country; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) With a view to reducing the health hazards of smoking, all State Governments/Union Territory administrations and Central Government Ministries/Departments etc. have been advised to enforce the existing legislation/instructions concerning non-smoking in different places of entertainment and public transport and to extend these to other public places.

Changes in army rules

705. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the army rules were recently codified, making progressive changes in the administrative, financial, material and management matters of the armed forces; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and improvements brought about in the new code over the old rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Amendments to Army Rules are an on-going process and appropriate amendments have been carried out, from time to time, since these were framed in 1954. The 'Regulations for the Army', earlier issued in 1962, have recently been revised and updated covering subjects relating to the day-to-day functioning of the Army. The new compilation is in diglot from, i.e. both in Hindi and English in conformity with Government Policy.

Programmes for tribals in 8th Five Year Plan

706. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft of the Eighth Five Year Plan incorporates a comprehensive programme for the upliftment of tribals, protection of their interests and preservation of their distinct culture and traditions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be formulated. However, in accordance with the constitutional provisions and declared policy of the Governmet, programmes for development of Scheduled Tribes will continue in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Sub-standard food items being sold by fast food vans in Delhi

707. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 14th March, 1989 to the effect that 50 per cent of fast food vans operating in Delhi do not have proper licences and are selling sub-standard food items;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of these fast foods are in reality Junk Foods which have little Nutritional value;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to put a ban on advertisement of such fast foods on TV/Radio so that unsuspecting consumers, especially children, are not lured by the misleading propaganda; and

(d) whether Government also propose to investigate into the malpractices regarding quality of food served by these vendors and ensure proper hygiene?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI